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1. American food aid was originally received with enthusiasm by the Yugoslav population. This enthusiasm lessened when the population reportedly perceived that only about 20 percent of the food was distributed on the basis of ration cards and the remainder went to the Yugoslav Army.
2. The arrival of the food was not well organized by the Yugoslav Government. The warehouses and means of transport were not readied for the sudden arrival of such large quantities, with the result that a large proportion of the provisions were spoiled and damaged.
3. The people's hope that the food would be distributed on the free market, without governmental control, so that black market food prices would accordingly be lowered, has been disappointed and there is general disillusionment.

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